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COVID-19 UPDATE

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<u>Governor Baker's COVID-19 Announcement</u> Last Week;

Health Department Distributes Demographic COVID-19 and Vaccination Data

• Since Monday, 15 residents have tested positive, and *245 more have recovered from COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 8,293. With 6,767 recovered and 245 fatalities, Framingham currently has *1,281 active cases. The Framingham Health Department contacts the people who were potentially exposed and the owners of the businesses or places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps (contact tracing). In addition to the active cases, the Health Department is following 500 residents in quarantine.

*Note: The City's COVID team is working in the State's data system to move lapsed or pending cases into the correct status.

- Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer Announces Efforts to Mirror Governor Baker's Announcement Last
 Week: Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer and the Framingham Board of Health (BOH) issued a joint order
 rescinding certain Executive Orders, Joint Orders of the Mayor and BOH, and Orders of the BOH
 ("local orders") effective at 12:01 a.m. May 29, 2021. As well, the following items below are
 consistent with orders issued by the Governor:
 - Callahan Center: The Center will reopen to the public Tuesday, June 1, 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. NOTE: some programs, including the Cultural Council events and exercise classes, will continue to operate by Zoom for the near future. Programs such as Bingo and Duplicate Bridge lack a facilitator and will not be in-person at this time. Please call the front desk at (508) 532-5980 to find out if a program of interest will be on-site. The Center will resume its spring to fall schedule, closing at 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and closing Fridays at 1:30 p.m. If you are fully vaccinated, people may enter the building without a mask. However, if you still want to wear your mask entering or while indoors, you are welcome to do so. Those who are not fully vaccinated are asked to follow CDC guidance and continue to wear a mask to reduce risk. Face coverings are still required for those who utilize the Callahan Center Van.
 - Framingham Public Libraries: The Main Library, 49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702, is currently open Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with a Senior hour 9 a.m.-10 a.m. The Christa McAuliffe Branch, 746 Water Street, Framingham, MA 01701, is currently open Monday-Thursday: 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. with a Senior hour 9:30-10:30 a.m. The Main and Branch

- Libraries will return to pre-pandemic hours effective July 1 once fully staffed. For the time being, those entering the library are asked to continue to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, due to the mingling of young people and older adults in an effort to keep people safe.
- **Memorial Building:** On Monday, May 3, the Memorial Building, 150 Concord Street, Framingham, MA 01702, returned to pre-pandemic hours- Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Health Department Distributes Demographic COVID-19 and Vaccination Data:** The City's Department of Public Health distributes demographic COVID-19 data about confirmed COVID-19 cases and vaccination efforts in Framingham. Reference today's data release here.
- COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found here. To receive information from the City on a mobile device, text "Join FraminghamMA" to 30890. Residents also can find updates on Facebook and Twitter @Framingham_MA. For questions regarding COVID-19 in Framingham, please call the City's informational line at (508) 532-5411, Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. If there is an urgent update, the City will employ the "Alert Framingham" phone messaging system, otherwise known as Rave. To sign up for the City's Rave system, please go here: https://www.smart911.com/

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